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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of William "Bill" Grimes of Mattoon, who
4 passed away on January 31, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, William Grimes was born on April 25, 1929, in
6 Charleston; his parents were Arthur William and Anna Grimes; he
7 married Wanda Bartimus on June 25, 1949; and

8 WHEREAS, William Grimes served his country with pride as a
9 member of the United States Army; and

10 WHEREAS, William Grimes was employed with the Illinois
11 Central Railroad as a Safety Director for 19 years; he also
12 served as a manager at Easter Electric Supply and Schillings
13 Greenwood Sloan and was a real estate agent at McCrocklin
14 Realty; and

15 WHEREAS, William Grimes served in many offices within the
16 Republican Party; he most notably served as the Coles County
17 Treasurer for 12 years; and

18 WHEREAS, William Grimes was an active member of the Elks
19 for many years, serving as the Illinois State President and
20 holding the national title of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; he

1 was instrumental in the organization of Babe Ruth Baseball in
2 Mattoon and was honored with the dedication of Grimes Field at
3 Peterson Park for his work; he spent several years serving as
4 the State Babe Ruth President and 16 years on the Mattoon Park
5 Board; he was also a member of the First United Methodist
6 Church; and

7 WHEREAS, William Grimes was honored by the Modern Woodmen
8 as their Man of the Year in 2012 for his service to the Mattoon
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, William Grimes enjoyed golfing, fishing,
11 baseball, and spending time with his family; and

12 WHEREAS, William Grimes was preceded in death by his
13 parents and his brother, Robert Grimes; and

14 WHEREAS, William Grimes is survived by his wife, Wanda; his
15 daughter, Susan (Dennis) Cisna; his granddaughter, Michelle
16 (Chad) Wicklander; his grandson, Doug (Audra) Cisna; and his
17 great-grandchildren, Lexie Wicklander, Bode Wicklander, Brady
18 Wicklander, Jesse Wicklander, and Riayn Cisna; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of William "Bill" Grimes;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of William Grimes as an expression of
4 our sympathy.